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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2001, applicants amend their application as follows:

ELECTION OF INVENTION:

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention characterized by the Examiner as Group II drawn to a method of manufacturing a thermal head and submit that claims 4-12 are readable on the elected invention.

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